

REMARKS

Claims 5-83 and 87 are currently pending in the present application; claims 1-4 and 84-86 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto; claim 87 having been added.

Claims 21, 38, and 55 were amended to delete maleic acid and maleate from among the listed additives. Claims 56-63 have been amended to depend on claim 87. New claim 87 recites the same subject matter as claim 55, including maleic acid and maleate among the additives, together with the subject matter of allowed claim 82. Due to the nature of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 5-20, 22-37, 39-54 and 56-82 are considered allowable. Applicant has amended claims 21, 38, and 55 to render these claims allowable, as well. Further, new claim 87 should also be allowable since it is based upon allowable claim 82. Dependent claims 56-63 should remain allowable since they depend on essentially the same subject matter as was presented in allowable claim 82. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all issues in the present application have been resolved and that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Bucca", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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